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SUBJ: DENKTASH INTERVIEW WITH LONDON OBSERVER

1. SUMMARY: DENKTASH DOWNPLAYS SIGNIFICANCE OF
FEDERATED STATE PROCLAMATION; DENIES INDEPENDENCE
IMMINENT; ADVOCATES NEGOTIATIONS; QUESTIONS OUTCOME
UNSC MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH LONDON OBSERVER, TEXT OF WHICH
RELEASED HERE FEBRUARY 18, TURK CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF
DENKTASH MADE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST.

3. DENKTASH CLAIMED PROCLAMATION OF FEDERATED STATE
SIMPLY AN INTERNAL RESTRUCTURING OF TURKIST COMMUNITY
SIMILAR TO ARCHBISHOP'S RECENT RESHUFFLING OF HIS CABINET
AND FORMATION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL. ALL OF THESE MOVES
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"ARE CONTRARY TO CONSTITUTION." DENKTASH EMPHASIZED THAT

TURK CYPRIOTS CONTINUE TO CONSTITUTE PART OF CYPRIOT STATE AND DO NOT PRETEND "TO CALL THEMSELVES THE GOVERNMENT." DENKTASH INSISTED THAT TURK CYPRIOTS DO NOT INTEND TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE, THOUGH "WE MAY BE ONE STEP FROM UDI." ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER SIDE MAY FORCE TURK CYPRIOTS TO TAKE (UNSPECIFIED) FURTHER STEPS.

4. ON NEGOTIATIONS, DENKTASH SAID TWO SIDES' FORMULATIONS NOW TABLED AND SHOULD BE STUDIED TO SEE IF GAPS CAN BE BRIDGED. HOWEVER, DENKTASH DOUBTED WHETHER MAKARIOS INTENDS TO WORK FOR SOLUTION "ON BASIS OF PRESENT REALITIES." QUESTIONED, DENKTASH AGREED HIS GOAL MORE CONFEDERATION THAN FEDERATION BUT CLAIMED ALL ISSUES REMAIN NEGOTIABLE.

5. DENKTASH SAID HE DID NOT THINK MUCH WOULD COME OUT OF GREEK CYPRIOT APPEAL TO SECURITY COUNCIL. SECURITY COUNCIL, HE CLAIMED, WILL WANT TALKS TO CONTINUE SINCE THIS THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL SOLUTION. OUTCOME OF REFUGEES AND FOREIGN TROOP ISSUES DEPEND ON NEGOTIATIONS.

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